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SUBJECT: STATE VISIT OF FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING

REF: STATE 182865 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. VISIT FRENCH PRESIDENT APPARENTLY STRENGTHENED BOTH MOBUTU'S IMAGE AND FRENCH-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED A) FRENCH INTEREST IN PROPOSED SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR TELEVISION AND TELEPHONE AND IN AN AGRO-FOOD COMPLEX; B) FRENCH PURCHASE OF COPPER ON A LONG-TERM BASIS; C) SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO INSURE "JUST REMUNERATION" FOR RAW MATERIALS AND RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE BEGUN AT APRIL, PARIS MEETING; D) PRAISE FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD DETENTE AS ILLUSTRATED BY HELSINKI MEETING AND E) SUPPORT FOR RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHILE AT  
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THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZING NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO HAVE

RECOGNIZED AND GUARANTEED FRONTIERS. FRENCH SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WAS GAGUE IN CONTRAST TO SPECIFIC STATEMENT THAT FRANCE WILL BUY COPPER ON LONG-TERM BASIS. DETAILS CONCERNING PROSPECTIVE COPPER PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO BE DETERMINED. ANNOUNCED TERMINATION OF GROUND AND AIR ARMS SHIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY

2. TWO-DAY STATE VISIT OF FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING SERVED TO STRENGTHEN FRENCH-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS AND TO ENHANCE MOBUTU'S IMAGE. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FRENCH PRESIDENT MADE ADULATORY STATEMENTS CONCERNING BOTH MOBUTU PERSONALLY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ZAIRE.

3. ON QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA, GISCARD ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE THAT FRANCE, WHICH WAS FOR INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA, WOULD TERMINATE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. SOUTH AFRICAN STATEMENT ON ARMS WILL CLEARLY BE WELL-RECEIVED IN AFRICA, HOWEVER IT DOES NOT CLARIFY ALL OF THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND FRANCE.

4. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT CONTAINED FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS:

A) DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. FRENCH PARTICIPATION IS ENVISAGED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR TELEVISION AND TELEPHONE AND OF AN AGRO-FOOD COMPLEX.

B) COPPER. THE GOF AND GOZ WILL CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE GOF WILL PURCHASE COPPER ON LONG-TERM. IN ADDITION, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT AN EXPLORATORY MEETING OF ALL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF COPPER WITH THE GOAL OF REACHING A MULTINATIONAL AGREEMENT. (AT PRESS CONFERENCE, GISCARD STATED THAT FRANCE WILL EXTEND INVITATION FOR SUCH MEETING TO MAJOR COPPER PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS).

C) RAW MATERIALS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS FOR THE NECESSITY OF "JUST REMUNERATION" FOR RAW MATERIALS AND INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCH WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK. CONFIDENTIAL

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...CALLED FOR RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE CONCERNING ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT BEGUN AT THE APRIL, PARIS MEETING. (AT PRESS CONFERENCE, GISCARD STATED THAT THOUGH APRIL MEETING WAS FAILURE, WORLD NOW RECOGNIZED VALIDITY OF POSITION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND ZAIRE AND INDICATED THAT SUCH VIEWS WOULD PREVAIL WHEN TALKS RESUME. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD SEND INVITATION DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR THE RENEWAL OF CONFERENCE ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS

AND DEVELOPMENT).

D) DETENTE. EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT TOWARDS DETENTE AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AS ILLUSTRATED BY RECENT HELSINKI MEETING.

E) MIDDLE EAST. MENTIONED RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS AND NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO HAVE RECOGNIZED, SURE AND GUARANTEED FRONTIERS.

5. COMMENT. ECONOMIC. ITEM IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING POSSIBLE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRIES IS LOOSELY WORDED AND COULD BE INTERPRETED AS TO REFLECT NO MORE THAN FRENCH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH PROJECT IF CONDITIONS SO WARRANT AT SOME INDEFINITE DATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, STATEMENT THAT FRANCE WILL CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE ZAIRIAN COPPER AT LONG TERM IS QUITE SPECIFIC. HOWEVER, NO DETAILS CONCERNING PROSPECTIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WERE GIVEN OTHER THAN THAT IT WOULD BE "A LONG TERME." SUCH AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COPPER COULD PRESENT PROBLEMS WITH CONDITIONS OF SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS THAT GOZ HAS CONCLUDED WITH EXIMBANK AND OTHERS. WE WILL MONITOR THIS CLOSELY. POLITICAL. GISCARD'S VISIT TO ZAIRE WAS CLEARLY PLOY TO MAKE MAJOR POLICY STATEMENTS WITH REGARD TO COOPERATION WITH AFRICA IN GENERAL AND ZAIRE IN PARTICULAR. IMPORTANCE OF VISIT WAS UNDERLINED BY WAY IN WHICH GOZ PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO INSURE ITS HUGE SUCCESS. IN ADDITION, MOBUTU MADE IT CLEAR THAT FRANCE, UNLIKE OTHER MAJOR POWERS, RECOGNIZES POSITION OF ZAIRE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SEEING FIT TO SEND ITS PRESIDENT "RATHER THAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS." RISING TO THE OCCASION, GISCARD ANNOUNCED THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THEIR POLICIES OF "AUTHENTICITY." CONFIDENTIAL

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HE DENOUNCED "IMPERIALISM" IN ALL ITS FORMS AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION. IN SPEAKING OF "AMITIE AGISSANTE" (ACTIVE FRIENDSHIP) GISCARD PORTRAYED FRANCE AS A TRUE FRIEND OF AFRICA AND ZAIRE, WHICH PREPARED TO GO TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO INSURE THAT THIS FRIENDSHIP BE MAINTAINED. HE WAS AT PAINS TO DESCRIBE FRANCE'S ROLE IN THE EEC AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE LOME CONVENTION. (SEE PARA 5 REFTEL RE DETAILS FRENCH AID TO ZAIRE). ALL THE LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT REPORTED VISIT IN GLOWING TERMS. THE EQUATING OF THE "RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS" AND "THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO POSSESS RECOGNIZED, SURE AND GUARANTEED FRONTIERS" IS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE, AFTER THE RECENT OAU MEETING, THAT THE GOZ INTENDS TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT POLICY TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST.

6. COPY OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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